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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/786,080	Applicant(s) MASHIKO, YASUHISA	
	Examiner Christopher R. Lamb	Art Unit 2627	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-4 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Claim Objections

2. Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: in line 3, "the relationship" should be "a relationship." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Matsui et al. (US 6,259,662; cited in IDS).

Matsui discloses:

A rotational velocity controlling system in an information recording/reproducing apparatus which records and reproduces information on/from an information recording medium (Fig. 5), the system comprising:

revolution number detecting means for detecting the number of revolutions of the information recording medium (Fig. 5: elements 56-60, as described for an earlier embodiment in column 7, lines 5-20);

linear velocity detecting means for detecting the linear velocity at an information recording/reproduction position on the information recording medium (Fig. 5: elements 54-68, as described for an earlier embodiment in column 7, lines 50-65);

control information generating means for generating rotation control information used for controlling the rotational velocity of the information recording medium based on the revolution number information obtained by the revolution number detecting means and the linear velocity information obtained by the linear velocity detecting means (Fig. 5: elements 101, 71, 69: column 9, line 65 to column 10, line 45); and

driving means for rotating the information recording medium based on the rotation control information generated by the control information generating means (Fig. 5: 55).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 2-5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

6. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 2:

The closest prior art of record, Matsui, fails to disclose wherein the control information generating means uses the revolution number information obtained by the revolution number detecting means and the linear velocity information obtained by the linear velocity detecting means to divide one of these information by the other.

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This element in combination with the other elements of the claim renders it allowable over the prior art of record.

Regarding claims 3-4:

They are dependent on claim 2.

Regarding claim 5:

Matsui does disclose (in later embodiments) abnormality detecting means for detecting occurrence of an abnormality in the output of the linear velocity detecting means (see, for example, Fig. 9).

Matsui does not disclose that this abnormality detecting means detects occurrence of an abnormality according to the relationship between the revolution number information and the linear velocity information.

This element in combination with the other elements of the claim renders it allowable over the prior art of record.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Uemura (US 5,687,148); Kusano et al. (US 5,751,676).

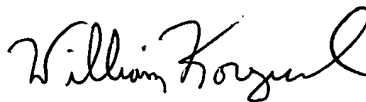
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christopher R. Lamb whose telephone number is (572) 272-5264. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday to Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Korzuch can be reached on (571) 272-7589. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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